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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231  <b>SEP 16 2003</b> <b>SEP 23 2003</b> <b>TC 1700</b>	Application Number	09/674,047
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	First Named Inventor	SCHUMACHER et al.
	Art Unit	1754
	Examiner Name	Medina Sanabria
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 8/11/03 (Cert. Mailing)  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 09/17/2003 HGBREH1 00000072 09674047

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP  
02 FC:1251 110.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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